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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956.

Boston, December 31, 1956.

Hon. John B. Hynes,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with section 15 of chapter 185, Acts of 1875, the Parks and Recreation Commission herewith submits its annual report for the year 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank R. Kelley,
Chairman, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

Thomas J. Carty,
Daniel G. O'Connor,
O. Philip Snowden,
Harry J. Blake,
Associate Commissioners.

Expenditures for Maintenance, January 1 to December 31, 1956.

PARKS, GARDENS — SQUARES

Algonquin Square	$30 79
Aquarium	759 83
Aquarium, grounds	6,366 36
Arborway	3,001 20
Arnold Arboretum	2,560 24
Arts Festival	149 59
Back Bay District	24,771 14
Back Bay, yard	46,909 84
Belmont Square	20 20
Blackstone Square	2,913 65
Boston Common, Bandstand	1,424 56
Boston Common, Convenience Stations	18,933 51
Boston Common, Deer Park, Tool House	2,567 22
Boston Common, Frog Pond	4,732 15
Boston Common, grounds	45,197 15
Boston Common, Information Booth	4,154 04
Boston Common, Log Cabin	402 57
Boston Common, Playland	734 14
Boston Common, Telephone Booth	122 55
Boylston Street, Back Bay	485 47
Boylston Street Subway Telephone Booth	150 40
Bradford Street Play Area	295 76
Brighton District	18,079 56
Castle Island	5,871 87
Central Square	2,848 38
Charles and Boylston Streets Telephone Booths	72 94
Charlesgate East Bridge	356 10
Charlesgate West Bridge	191 00
Charlestown District	11,413 94
Christmas Festival	1,542 13
Christmas trees and decorations	8,035 56
City Square	339 71
Cleveland Place	29 70
Columbus Park	31,286 81
Columbus Park Stadium	5,552 65
Commonwealth Avenue, main	10,778 70
Concord Square	137 58
Corbett Park	940 40
Dewey Park	111 00
Dorchester Heights	2,635 60
Dorchester Park	9,112 09
Doucette Park	74 25
East Boston District	8,817 01
East Boston Recreation Area	1,949 34
East Boston Stadium	19,958 76
East Cottage and Pond Streets	32 00
Eaton Square	1,355 95

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Fens	$20,914 40
Fens Rose Garden	14,958 61
Fens Stadium	16,433 31
Fenway Duck Yard	286 06
Franklin Park, Administration Buildings, shops, yard, etc.	37,023 33
Franklin Park, blacksmith shop	3,029 36
Franklin Park Boat Locker	1,777 16
Franklin Park, carpenter shop	34,070 17
Franklin Park Duck Pond	140 00
Franklin Park, garage	76,916 93
Franklin Park, golf course	27,665 63
Franklin Park, greenhouse	77,431 75
Franklin Park, grounds	21,912 91
Franklin Park, harness shop	11 25
Franklin Park, lawn mower shop	25,018 32
Franklin Park, paint shop	24,673 81
Franklin Park, plumber shop	8,977 76
Franklin Park, Refectory Building	7,765 99
Franklin Park, repair shops	65,577 11
Franklin Park, Rose Garden	15,889 90
Franklin Park, storehouse	33,514 15
Franklin Square	3,006 13
George Wright Golf Course	72,678 84
Greenwood Square	73 92
Hayes Square	812 36
Heath Square	308 78
Hooker Street	289 56
Horatio Harris Park	2,751 00
Irving W. Adams Park	222 00
Jamaica Pond	1,038 96
Jamaica Pond, Boat Landing	1,244 25
Jamaicaway	12,775 80
John Harvard Mall	70 50
John F. Donovan Park	1,661 35
Kelley Circle	97 50
Kenmore Square	76 50
Leverett Pond Bridge	296 01
Madison Park	3,274 40
Mary Cummings Estate	481 51
Massachusetts Avenue	860 64
McLean Park	2,546 60
Michael J. Brophy Park	2,324 40
Morton Street	280 00
Murray Park	2,748 55
Myrtle Street Boat Landing	3,705 48
North End District	341 72
North End Prado	9,263 21
North End Square	69 30
Olmstead Park	42 87

Orchard Park	$839 34
Park Drive Administration Building	700 39
Park Street Subway	17 49
Parks, General	30,710 03
Parks and Roadways	4,378 96
Peabody Square	510 30
Poplar Street Play Area	76 58
Preble Street Traffic Circle	536 01
Prescott Square	2,656 40
Public Garden	50,337 59
Recreation Division	326,798 45
Reddy Avenue	18 56
Riverway	2,655 60
Roslindale Square	2,357 40
Ross Estate	2,032 24
Rutland Square	215 98
Sargent Brooks Culvert	487 36
South Boston District	9,356 46
South End District Parks & Squares	2,600 30
Thomas Park	78 24
Training Field, Charlestown	226 62
Union Park	51 47
War Memorial — Fens	39 55
Washington Park	50 50
Webster Square	10 25
West End Parks, Squares and Playgrounds	1,451 69
Winthrop Square	238 59
Worcester Square	63 35
Zoological Garden, animal range	8,919 25
Zoological Garden, antelope house	10,138 94
Zoological Garden, bear dens	8,477 74
Zoological Garden, bird house	48,574 97
Zoological Garden, camel house	458 33
Zoological Garden, elephant house	16,565 62
Zoological Garden, elk range	10,629 62
Zoological Garden, general	74,710 90
Zoological Garden, lion house	11,264 68
Zoological Garden, monkey house	717 80
Total	$1,575,488 89

PLAYGROUNDS

Almont Street Playground	$10,310 90
American Legion Playground	7,968 44
Billings Field Playground	12,172 83
Brookside Avenue Playground	1,486 65
Cassidy Playground	9,978 92
Ceylon Street Playground	5,431 30
Christopher J. Gibson Playground	12,908 79

Christopher J. Lee Playground	$7,534 18
Fallon Field Playground	11,046 39
Francis Parkman Playground	3,589 38
Franklin Field Playground	34,068 66
Frederick D. Emmons Playground	404 95
General Playground	46,954 66
George H. Walker Playground	9,219 90
Green and Lamartine Streets Playground	202 00
James L. Cronin Playground	7,350 55
James F. Healy Playground	8,200 09
James and Margaret Tobin Playground	824 16
Jefferson Playground	8,483 16
John J. Connolly Playground	6,575 33
John A. Doherty Playground	256 48
John J. Doherty Playground	9,682 10
John F. Holland Playground	4,710 46
John W. Murphy Playground	8,021 40
John H. L. Noyes Playground	7,828 54
John J. Ryan Playground	7,594 48
John Winthrop Playground	2,695 63
Joseph E. Byrne Playground	1,650 82
Joseph E. Lee Playground	80 00
Kiley Street Playground	824 16
King Street Playground	656 50
L. Gertrude Howes Playground	3,517 17
Leo F. McCarthy Playground	101 00
Lester J. Rotch Playground	9,308 30
London Street Playground	2,762 40
Mary Draper Playground	7,909 83
Mary Hannon Playground	2,409 58
Mary E. Hemenway Playground	10,758 40
McConnell Park Playground	4,802 08
McKinney Playground	6,931 15
McLaughlin Playground	1,121 51
Mission Hill Playground	8,418 67
Paris Street Playground	2,910 60
Parker Hill Playground	6,811 11
Portsmouth Street Playground	5,137 01
Prince Street Playground	3,249 60
Readville Playground	1,497 75
Ripley Playground	1,833 50
Rogers Park Playground	7,983 86
Ronan Park Playground	8,118 99
Smith's Pond Playground	10,924 40
Stanley A. Ringer Playground	4,510 36
Thomas J. Roberts Playground	8,360 29
Tyler Street Playground	17 46
Wesley G. Ross Playground	7,618 66
William J. Barry Playground	8,764 37
William E. Carter Playground	8,565 00

William Eustis Playground	$11,677 76
William E. Garvey Playground	6,105 47
William F. Smith Playground	9,591 28
William Gary Walsh Playground	8,246 60
Total	$428,675 97

GYMNASIA

Brighton Gymnasium	$7,637 50
Cabot Street Gymnasium	56,404 51
Charlestown Building Gymnasium	1,586 10
Columbia Road Gymnasium	15,218 28
Curtis Hall Gymnasium	28,960 02
Hyde Park Gymnasium	16,937 80
John J. Williams Gymnasium	28,670 70
Lexington Street Gymnasium	10,166 60
Maurice J. Tobin Memorial Building	25,104 36
North Bennet Street Gymnasium	50,029 51
Paris Street Gymnasium	59,827 56
Plympton Street Pool	484 50
Roslindale Gymnasium	10,379 00
Tyler Street Gymnasium	12,305 50
Vine Street Gymnasium	26,716 05
Total	$350,427 99

BATHS AND BEACHES

Baths, General	$18,385 01
Broadway Municipal Building	31,767 70
Charlestown Pool	44,776 97
Dover Street Bath House and Laundry	148,105 99
L Street Bath House and Beach	121,900 94
North End Park Beach, Bath and Pool	49,712 91
Repair Room, Sewing Room, and Stock Room	41,871 98
Total	$456,521 50

GENERAL EXPENSES

Central Office — Administration	$171,447 68
Street Trees	130,818 48
Automobiles, Tractors, Wagons, etc	77,286 62
Miscellaneous	3,113 69
Total	$382,666 47

RECAPITULATION

Parks and Gardens	$1,575,488 89
Playgrounds	428,675 97
Gymnasia	350,427 99
Baths and Beaches	456,521 50
General Expenses	382,666 47
Rehabilitation of Franklin Park Zoo	13,223 92
Construction of Dover Street Laundry and Utility Building	42,634 00
Playground, Fairmount Section, Hyde Park	1,360 00
Park and Playground Improvements, etc.	95,119 23
Planting or Replacement of Trees	38,000 00
Playground, Gardner and Baker Streets, West Roxbury	28,888 28
Removal of Trees afflicted with the Dutch Elm Disease	17,850 00
Total	$3,430,856 25

CASH RECEIPTS

For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1956

PARK DIVISION

Franklin Park Golf Course	$20,278 00	
George Wright Golf Course	35,104 00	
Permits for signs, openings, etc.	122 80	
Fees for services and equipment	345 00	
Commission on public telephones on park property	2,158 27	
Settlement of claims for damages	2,089 83	
Miscellaneous	32 00	
Towels, soap in playground houses	1,481 70	
Rentals from property and concessions	10,796 00	
Boston Common Tree Fund, income	125 88	
Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income	5,521 85	
Randidge Trust Fund, income	2,627 32	
Babcock Music Fund, income	93 31	
Foss Flag Fund, income	85 00	
Foss 17th June Fund, income	85 00	
Sales of park land	84,045 00	
		$164,990 96

BATH DIVISION

Towels, soap, etc., in bath houses	$20,884 39	
		20,884 39
		$185,875 35

Above receipts were credited as follows:

General Revenue	$93,291 99
Trust Funds, income	8,538 36
Sales of City Land	84,045 00
	$185,875 35

Expenditures of Revenue and Non-Revenue, Special Appropriations and Trust Funds, January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

RECREATION

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	$178,139 20
Eradication of Dutch Elm Disease	14,889 60
Establishment of Parks and Playgrounds	4,991 25
Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income	4,930 52
Randidge Trust Fund, income	1,844 35
Construction of Buildings and Original Equipment and Furnishings Thereof	123,333 05
Michael Francis Cahill Fund	3,000 00
Department Equipment Loan, Revenue and Non-Revenue	124,274 83
Total	$455,402 80

FRANKLIN PARK GOLF COURSE
1956

Opening Date, April 10. Closing Date, December 18

Registered Attendance, 35,000

Annual Permits, 3 at $30	$90 00
Annual Permits, 533 at $15	7,995 00
Daily Permits, 383 at $1.50	574 50
Daily Permits, 10,658 at $1	10,658 00
Twilight Permits, 1,921 at 50 cents	960 50
Total	$20,278 00

GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE
1956

Opening Date, April 10. Closing Date, December 18

Registered Attendance, 46,821

Annual Permits, 42 at $40	$1,680 00
Annual Permits, 501 at $30	15,030 00
Daily Permits, 4,528 at $2	9,056 00
Daily Permits, 7,967 at $1	7,967 00
Lockers, 457 at $3	1,371 00
Total	$35,104 00

ATTENDANCE RECORDS — 1956

Playgrounds, Shower Baths, Beaches and Swimming Pools, Gymnasia

Playgrounds, Summer Attendance	6,850,000
Playgrounds, Winter Attendance (Skating)	352,000
Shower Baths	2,600,000
Beaches and Swimming Pools	1,200,000
Gymnasia, Class and Individual Attendance	180,000
Total	11,182,000

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT STATISTICS TO DECEMBER 31, 1956.

Location.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Driveways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Main Park System:									
[24]Commonwealth avenue	1894–1905		$772,793 08	$772,793 08	112.70 acres	12.1 miles	11.9 miles		
Fens	1877–1879	$736,854 49	3,276,621 13	4,013,475 62	116.99 "	4.32 "	7.04 "	1.1 miles	22 acres
[1]Avenue Louis Pasteur	1922				3.19 "	0.27 mile	0.50 mile		
†Riverway	1883–1890	457,457 53	951,667 87	1,409,125 40	40.00 "	1.4 miles	2.8 miles	1.2 "	8 "
‡Olmsted Park	1890–1892	1,081,947 60	832,228 19	1,914,175 79	180.00 "	2.7 "	5.8 "	1.6 "	77 "
Arborway-Jamaicaway	1892	245,584 25	543,537 14	789,121 39	36.00 "	3.4 "	3.2 "	1.4 "	
Arnold Arboretum	1882–1895	79,354 15	462,916 30	542,270 45	223.00 "	3.4 "	5.65 "	0.5 mile	0.6 acre
West Roxbury Parkway	1894	135,265 29	176,638 10	311,903 39	65.94 "	1 mile	2 "	0.94 "	
Joyce Kilmer Park					9.53 "				
Franklin Park and Zoological Garden	1883–1884 1906–1912	1,551,896 63	4,386,422 70	5,938,319 33	522.00 "	7.91 miles	14.9 "	1.19 miles	7.4 acres
Marine Park System:									
[17]Columbia Road	1899	447,528 63	559,227 18	1,006,755 81	31.20 "	5.3 "	6.1 "		
Dorchester Way	1892–1895	63,735 54	93,804 34	157,539 88					
[18]Strandway and Columbus Park	1890–1892 1897–1901	772,515 12	2,841,613 37	3,614,128 49	254.30 "				
[19]Marine Park and Aquarium,	1883	232,972 57	1,729,642 10	1,962,614 67	52.71 " land 4.90 " flats	0.6 mile	1.39 "		3.4 "
§Castle Island	1890		172,651 79	172,651 79	25.70 " land 78.30 " flats	0.16 "	1.15 "		
*McConnell Park	1899–1914	50,759 33	256,586 41	307,345 74	9.78 " land 50.55 " flats	0.20 "	0.29 mile		

SAVIN HILL PARK	1909	31,925 55	18,712 21	50,637 76	8.26 "			
*IRVING W. ADAMS PARK	1919	50,000 00	21,411 93	71,411 93	0.78 acre			
WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK	1882–1891	132,800 00	462,988 47	595,788 47	211.00 acres	0.3 "	2.1 miles	
CHARLESBANK	1883	373,916 99	379,645 74	753,562 73	25.41 "		1.5 "	
TRINITY TRIANGLE	1885	30,000 00		30,000 00	0.18 acre			
ENS. JOHN J. DOHERTY, JR., PLAYGROUND	1891	50,538 02	186,373 19	236,911 21	10.35 acres		0.4 mile	
JOHN J. RYAN, JR., PLAYGROUND	1891	172,923 31	54,931 93	227,855 24	13.66 " land 3.70 " flats		0.6 "	
DORCHESTER PARK	1891–1903	64,165 37	34,526 30	98,691 67	31.47 "			
FRANKLIN FIELD	1892–1910	157,341 22	300,813 81	458,155 03	77.00 "	0.65 "	1.09 miles	
NORTH END BEACH PARK	1893	328,364 44	472,861 68	801,226 12	3.70 " land 3.00 " flats			
*VINCENT CUTILLO PARK, NORTH END	1917	160,350 00	46,720 62	207,070 62	0.48 acre			
WILLIAM B. CORBETT PARK, DORCHESTER CENTER	1917	22,904 86	1,691 37	24,596 23	0.94 "			
COPP'S HILL TERRACE	1893	90,858 19	55,641 05	146,499 24	0.6 "		0.11 mile	
CHESTNUT HILL PARK OR CASSIDY PLAYGROUND	1898–1899 and 1902	210,239 06	44,899 46	255,138 52	54.19 acres	1.44 miles	0.10 "	
CHERRY STREET PLAYGROUND, SOUTH END	1922	108,004 78	17,647 27	125,652 05	0.55 acre			
ALMONT STREET PLAYGROUND, MATTAPAN	1924	11,095 24	49,572 34	60,667 58	17.81 acres		0.04 "	
[20]PLAYGROUND, MISSION HILL	1913–1915	291,138 24	73,277 02	364,415 26	4.24 "		0.21 "	
*JOHN F. HOLLAND PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY	1917	13,700 00	29,669 36	43,369 36	1.07 "			
RONAN PARK PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER	1912–1916	101,957 78	125,703 98	227,661 76	11.65 "		0.83 "	

See footnotes on page 22.

Location.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Frederick D. Emmons Playground, Charlestown	1912	$80,946 47	$8,746 53	$89,693 00	1.07 acres				
Prince Street Playground,	1897–1899 1901–1902	180,474 70	9,241 01	189,715 71	0.4 acre				
Tenean Beach, Dorchester, M.D.C.	1914–1915 1928–1933	102,140 00	85,313 76	187,453 76	20.01 acres	0.25 mile	0.35 mile		
* William F. Smith Playground, North Brighton,	1894	22,107 12	39,003 56	61,110 68	14.00 "				
* William H. Garvey Playground, Neponset,	1896	24,804 39	152,325 46	177,129 85	16.68 "		0.28 "		
Billings Field, West Roxbury	1896–1906	47,068 98	78,947 47	126,016 45	10.83 "		0.23 "		
*[3] Christopher J. Lee Playground, South Boston	1897		132,463 71	132,463 71	5.20 "		0.4 "		
Mary Hemenway Playground, Dorchester	1920	29,730 76	72,179 35	101,910 11	4.41 "				
* Mary P. C. Cummings Memorial Playground, Woburn	1930				234.00 "				
Paul Gore Street Playground	1913				0.74 acre				
* William J. Barry Playground, Charlestown	1897–1923	202,463 00	221,057 91	423,520 91	5.72 acres		0.09 "		
* J. M. & J. J. Sullivan Playground, Roxbury	1897	14,593 72	13,376 42	27,970 14	0.85 acre				
Christopher Gibson Playground, Dorchester	1897	37,709 58	60,042 75	97,752 33	4.34 acres		0.11 "		

* WILLIAM E. CARTER PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY	1899–1900 1901–1902	327,503 84	79,506 28	407,010 12	5.02 "				
* JAMES L. CRONIN PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER	1899	43,990 09	9,702 10	53,692 19	2.24 "				
* FALLON FIELD PLAYGROUND, ROSLINDALE	1899–1913 1917–1931	91,325 11	85,455 31	176,780 42	7.57 "		0.36 "		
* JAMES F. HEALY PLAYGROUND, ROSLINDALE	1902	25,166 75	43,185 19	68,351 94	9.63 "		0.14 "		
* LESTER J. ROTCH PLAYGROUND, SOUTH END	1903	256,440 63	27,302 32	283,742 95	2.8 "				
* JOHN J. CONNOLLY PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY	1903–1905		100,958 90	100,958 90	5.1 "				
* ROGERS PARK, BRIGHTON	1899–1931	45,998 30	78,920 12	124,918 42	8.20 "		0.44 "		
CARROLL POND, WEST ROXBURY	1921		8,376 75	8,376 75	0.47 acre				
JOHN H. L. NOYES PLAYGROUND, EAST BOSTON	1909	10,015 00	159,902 61	169,917 61	5.24 acres land 3.07 " flats				
WEST THIRD STREET PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON	1909	10,201 30	4,000 00	14,201 30	0.28 acre				
* MATTHEW J. SWEENEY PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON	1909	10,201 30	4,597 40	14,798 70	0.47 "				
WILLIAM EUSTIS PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY	1909–1924	116,220 06	97,467 53	213,687 59	7.60 acres				
JOHN WINTHROP PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER	1911	20,994 26	39,153 50	60,147 76	1.57 "				
* GEORGE H. WALKER PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER	1912–1914	22,011 33	47,496 72	69,508 05	6.21 "		0.10 "		
* STANLEY A. RINGER PARK, ALLSTON	1916–1931	57,090 00	73,123 69	130,213 69	12.38 "		0.35 "		
* ARTHUR F. MCLEAN PLAYGROUND, EAST BOSTON	1917	20,754 17	18,688 84	39,443 01	0.43 acre				

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Location.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Driveways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Paris Street Playground,	1912.....	$50,630 64	$13,083 38	$63,714 02	1.27 acres				
Tyler Street Playground,	1912.....	26,239 19	12,203 86	38,443 05	0.26 acre				
* John W. Murphy Playground, Jamaica Plain,	1912–1919..	26,861 80	68,854 68	95,716 48	4.17 acres				
Portsmouth Street Playground.....	1912.....	15,000 00	31,936 36	46,936 36	4.29 "				
Town Meeting Park, Dorchester.....	1921.....	5,859 00	2,889 53	8,748 53	0.22 acre				
[15] Gymnasium Site, South Boston.....	1921.....	40,000 00	8,500 00	48,500 00	0.36 "				
[5] Factory Hill Playground.....	1912.....		8,837 89	8,837 89	5.20 acres				
[6] Ripley Playground.....	1913.....		47,194 01	47,194 01	0.86 acre				
[7] Smith's Pond Playground, Hyde Park.....	1914–1931..		74,326 47	74,326 47	12.91 acres				
Ceylon Street Playground, Dorchester....	1923.....	30,116 78	19,017 22	49,134 00	4.03 "				
[8] Carl H. Ahlsen Playground, Dorchester....	1916–1943..				4.27 "		0.20 mile		
[9] John A. Doherty Playground, Dorchester....	1897.....		35,939 45	35,939 45	1.47 "				
American Legion Playground, Condor Street, East Boston.....	1924.....	63,300 00	35,672 88	98,972 88	3.38 "				
Playground, Readville, Bullard, Milton and Regent Streets, Hyde Park.....	1924.....	13,417 34	21,894 90	35,312 24	5.03 "				

JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND, HEATH, FLOYD AND CRANFORD STREETS, ROXBURY,	1924.....	67,329 80	42,670 20	110,000 00	7.51 "				
FRANCIS PARKMAN PLAYGROUND, WACHUSETT STREET, FOREST HILLS...	1924.....	12,000 00	16,706 32	28,706 32	2.06 "				
REV. FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND, BOLTON AND WEST THIRD STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON,	1925.....	51,432 00	19,340 98	70,772 98	0.65 acre				
PAUL REVERE MALL, NORTH END.....	1925.....	107,600 00	23,372 38	130,972 38	0.76 "				
STATLER PARK, COLUMBUS AVENUE, STUART AND TENNYSON STREETS.....	1925.....	352,200 90	15,918 88	368,119 78	0.25 "				
BROOKSIDE AVENUE PLAYGROUND, JAMAICA PLAIN..	1925.....	11,600 00	19,080 77	30,680 77	1.32 acres				
*[16] WILLIAM AMERENA PLAYGROUND, EAST BOSTON...	1925.....	37,949 50	40,006 17	77,955 67	4.06 "				
[10] AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON....	1928–1931 and 1932	107,060 45	1,902,869 05	2,009,929 50	370 "	0.65 mile	0.75 "		
GERTRUDE HOWES PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY.....	1930.....	26,397 40	10,227 28	36,624 68	1.88 "				
* MCKINNEY PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON.....	1930.....	59,950 00	15,631 20	75,581 20	5.94 "				
* [11] THOMAS J. ROBERTS PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER.....	1930–1931..	21,360 08	76,412 83	97,772 91	10.40 "		0.30 "		
[12] MARTIN M. LOMASNEY PARK, WEST END.....	1930.....	25,000 00	52,810 67	77,810 67	2.57 "				
PLAYGROUND, FOSTER AND COURT STREETS, NORTH END.....	1930.....	3,924 00	4,354 25	8,278 25	0.10 acre				
GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE, HYDE PARK, WEST ROXBURY.....	1930–1931..	146,818 08	364,637 64	511,455 72	158.48 acres				

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		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Mary Draper Playground, West Roxbury	1932	$23,853 80	$22,947 45	$46,801 25	5.76 acres	0.02 mile	0.18 mile		
[13] Joseph D. McLaughlin Playground, Roxbury	1931		24,158 72	24,158 72	11.54 "				
*Wesley Ross Playground, near Westminster Street, Hyde Park	1936	10,000 00	44,816 42	54,816 42	13.03 "				
Snow Hill Street Playground, North End	1937		4,189 71	4,189 71	1.13 "				
Alice E Gallagher Memorial Park, Chandler's Pond, Brighton,	1937–1943		742 50	742 50	13.59 "				13 acres
Everett and Elm Streets, Dorchester	1939				1.16 "				
Leo F. McCarthy Playground, Mead and Ludlow Streets, Charlestown	1938		3,751 24	3,751 24	0.28 acre				
Washington and Stimson Streets, West Roxbury,	1938				0.30 "				
Charter Street and Greenough Lane, Children's Playground, North End	1940				0.23 "				
Tobin Playground, Albion Street, South End	1941				0.57 "				
Orchard Park	1912		73,367 49	73,367 49	2.4 acres				

Malden Street, South End, Boston	1941				0.21	acre			
Vernon Street, Roxbury	1941				0.40	"			
Thornton Street, Roxbury	1941				0.06	"			
Pitts and Hale Streets, West End	1942				0.11	"			
Troy and Rochester Streets, South End	1941				0.17	"			
London and Decatur Streets, East Boston	1941				0.13	"			
Howard Avenue, Dorchester, Mary A. Hannon Play Area	1940–1945		8,890 45	8,890 45	1.69	acres			
Hill and Cook Streets, Charlestown	1942		3,117 78	3,117 78	0.10	acre			
Phillips Street Playground, West End	1942		3,772 25	3,772 25	0.13	"			
Beecher Street Play Area, West Roxbury	1942				0.18	"			
McKay School Play Area, Frankfort, Gove and Cottage Streets, East Boston	1942				0.50	"			
King Street, Roxbury	1943		740 00	740 00	0.32	"			
John Harvard Mall, Charlestown	1943				0.85	"			
Henry Ross Estate, Forest Hills	1943–1945				7.69	acres			

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Penniman Road and Hano Street, Brighton.	1945		$15,272 03	$15,272 03	0.94 acre				
Green and Lamartine Streets, Jamaica Plain	1945		21,164 62	21,164 62	1.32 acres				
Rachel Revere Overlook, North Street, Boston	1945		10,008 90	10,008 90	0.08 acre				
Carleton Street, South End	1945		6,120 39	6,120 39	0.05 "				
Carson Street, Dorchester	1945		2,400 03	2,400 03	0.92 "				
Washington, East Dedham and Mystic Streets, South End	1945	$30,272 75	10,175 30	40,448 05	0.32 "				
Bruce Street, West Roxbury	1945				0.80 "				
William Gary Walsh Playground, Gallivan Boulevard, corner Washington Street, Dorchester	1946		135,542 43	135,542 43	7.03 acres				
[14] Oak Square Playground, Brighton	1947	25,760 00	6,002 95	31,762 95	1.48 "				
Sumner and Willis Streets, Dorchester, Undeveloped	1947				0.03 acre				
Myrtle Street Play Area.	1949		2,101 50	2,101 50	0.17 "				
Union Street, Brighton	1949		4,163 86	4,163 86	1.54 acres				
Chiswick and Sidlaw Roads, Commonwealth Avenue, Park Site	1949	23,000 00		23,000 00	0.60 acre				

Harrison Avenue, 624-634, Play Area, South End..	1950.....		3,620 00	3,620 00	0.12 "				
Poplar Street Play Area, West End.....	1950.....		9,081 33	9,081 33	0.137 "				
Russett Road, Bruce Street, Weld Street, VFW Parkway Playground Site.....	1950.....	11,000 00		11,000 00	6.76 acres				
[21]Wallingford road, Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brighton.....	1951.....				10.00 "				
Poplar and Hillside Streets, Roslindale....	1951.....				0.44 acre				
[22]Wall Street, West End.	1951.....		6,875 34	6,875 34	0.08 "				
[22]Holyoke Street, South End.....	1951.....				0.04 "				
[23]Haverhill and Perkins Streets, Charlestown..	1951.....				0.23 "				
[23]Rutherford Avenue and Union Street, Charlestown.....	1951.....				0.21 "				
[22]Hooker, Sorrento and Goddard Streets, Brighton.....	1951.....		9,555 01	9,555 01	1.00 "				
Truman Highway and Washington Street, Hyde Park.....	1951.....	2,545 00		2,545 00	1.32 acres				
Cumston Street Play Area, South End.....	1952.....		732 79	732 79	0.011 acre				
Douglass Court Play Area, North End.....	1952.....		$2,063 69	$2,063 69	0.011 "				
Bradford and Wilkes Streets Play Areas....	1952.....		7,386 41	7,386 41	0.10 "				
Cabot Street Extension, Land to Bath House....	1952.....				0.13 "				

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West Rutland Square Play Area	1953				0.013 acre				
Baker-Gardner Sts. West Roxbury	1954	$350 00	$28,888 28	$29,238 28	7.2 acres				
Sumner and Lamson Streets, East Boston	1955				0.48 acre				
Thetford Avenue and Stanley Streets, Dorchester	1955				0.66 "				
Quincy and Stanley Streets, Dorchester	1955		481 30		0.38 "				
Totals		$11,486,873 55	$24,640,492 04	$36,127,365 59	3,414 15 acres	46.07 miles	73.98 miles	7.93 miles	131.4 acres

* Named for soldier killed in World War.
† An additional area of 18 acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.
‡ An additional area of 16½ acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.
§ Custody given to the city by Acts of Congress.
‖ 49 acres transferred from Water Department; an additional area of 160.65 acres, including water area of 122.7 acres, is under control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board.
¶ Transferred to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, December 1, 1941.
[1] World War Memorial.
[2] Acquired by ordinance, chapter 7 of 1922.
[3] Transferred from and $454.15 expended by the Public Grounds Department.
[4] 25,470 square feet transferred from and $2,000 expended by the Public Grounds Department.
[5] Acquired by annexation of Hyde Park.
[6] Acquired by gift.
[7] Transferred from Metropolitan Park.
[8] Transferred from Street Laying-Out Department.
[9] Formerly part of Christopher Gibson Playground, set apart and named, November 9, 1920.
[10] 256 acres leased from Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Airport transferred to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, December 1, 1941.
[11] 792 acres transferred from School Committee by chapter 229, Acts of 1931.
[12] Acquired by section 2, chapter 371, Acts of 1929, and chapter 91 of General Laws, indenture December 11, 1930, under provision of chapter 92, section 87, of General Laws; Act of City Council, approved May 25, 1933.
[13] Transferred from Institutions Department by chapter 40, Acts of 1931.
[14] Purchased from Metropolitan Transit Authority.
[15] Property sold.
[16] To be transferred to Commonwealth for additions to Airport.
[17] Part of roadway transferred to City of Boston Public Works Department, 1951.
[18] Part of this area under control of Metropolitan District Commission, 1949.
[19] Part of this area under control of Metropolitan District Commission, 1949.
[20] Part of this area to Public Buildings Department for building.
[21] Transferred from Public Works Department, 1951.
[22] Transferred from Real Estate Division.
[23] Developed by Metropolitan District Commission, transferred to Park Department.
[24] Transferred to Public Works Department by City Council, April 11, 1955, other than portion between Arlington street and Beacon street at Kenmore square.
[25] Sold for school site.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT — CEMETERY DIVISION.

The following annual report is presented for the Cemetery Division from January 1, 1956, to December 31, 1956.

DEPARTMENT CEMETERIES

The burying grounds, cemeteries and tombs which are owned by and in charge of the City of Boston are as follows, with a total area of about 7,040,708 square feet:

	Square Feet.	Established.
Bennington Street, East Boston	157,500	1838
Bunker Hill, Charlestown	48,202	1807
Phipps Street, Charlestown	76,740	1630
Copp's Hill, Hull street, City	89,015	1659
King's Chapel, Tremont street, City	19,344	1630
Granary, Tremont street, City	82,063	1660
Central, Common, City	60,693	1756
South End South, Washington street, City	64,670	1810
Hawes, Emerson street, South Boston	11,232	1816
Union, East Fifth street, South Boston	5,470	1841
North, Uphams Corner, Dorchester	142,587	1633
Eliot, Eustis street, Roxbury	34,830	1630
South, Dorchester avenue, Dorchester	95,462	1814
Westerly, Centre street, West Roxbury	39,450	1683
Walter Street, West Roxbury	35,100	1711
Evergreen, Commonwealth avenue, Brighton	604,520	1848
Market Street, Brighton	18,072	1764
Mount Hope, Walk Hill street, 125 acres and 14,330 square feet		1851
Fairview, Fairview avenue, Hyde Park, about 50 acres,		1892

CITY TOMBS

Twenty-five in the South Ground; six in Phipps Street Ground, Charlestown; one tomb for infants in South Ground; one tomb for infants and one for adults in Copp's Hill Ground; one for adults and one for infants in the Granary Ground; one for infants in King's Chapel Ground; one for infants in the Central Ground; two receiving tombs in East Boston; one receiving tomb in Dorchester North; one receiving tomb in Dorchester South; one receiving tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton; one receiving tomb in Mount Hope Cemetery, and one receiving tomb in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

Cemetery Division Receipts, January 1 to December 31, 1956

CEMETERIES	General Receipts	Perpetual Care Receipts	Interest on Perpetual Care
Mount Hope	$88,020 69	$21,280 00	$20,925 34
Fairview	27,732 74	5,680 00	5,938 77
Evergreen	16,921 20	11,180 00	7,525 15
Dorchester North	190 00		402 23
Dorchester South	215 00		138 10
Central	15 00		62 50
Copp's Hill	30 00		62 50
Westerly			176 32
Phipps Street			6 50
Bunker Hill			1 20
Granary			62 50
King's Chapel			62 50
Totals	$133,124 63	$38,140 00	$35,363 61

Total, General Fund, December 31, 1955		$4,345,298 10
Interest, General Fund 1956		130,329 06
Revenue (General Receipts) 1956		133,129 63
Discounts on Securities Purchased		11,272 46
		$4,620,029 25
Payments from fund 1956:		
Premiums and Accrued Interest	$2,099 90	
Refunds	270 00	
		2,369 90
General Fund, December 31, 1956		$4,617,659 35
Perpetual Care Funds, December 31, 1956		1,170,550 51
Total Cemetery Funds		$5,788,209 86

Summary Statement of Cemetery Activities, January 1 to December 31, 1956

CEMETERIES	Interments.	Lots Sold.	Graves Sold.	Lots in Perpetual Care.	Graves in Perpetual Care.	Lots in Annual Care.	Graves in Annual Care.	Foundations Built.	Preparing and Planting.	Various Orders.
Mount Hope	1,199	171	288	9,020	2,093			294	20	5
Fairview	489	14	245	1,090	1,395	1		74		
Evergreen	189	26	58	1,126	2,845	2		91		1
Dorchester North	3			2						
Dorchester South	3									
Central	1									
Copp's Hill	1									
Phipps Street				1						
Bunker Hill				1						
Westerly				1						
Totals	1,885	211	591	11,241	6,333	3		459	20	6

Cemetery Division Expenditures for Maintenance, Year Ending December 31, 1956

Office	$17,156 62
Mount Hope	132,522 19
Fairview	39,538 77
Evergreen	29,049 17
Dorchester North	3,499 61
Dorchester South	3,449 25
Bennington Street	3,280 61
Hawes and Emerson	97 30
Westerly	57 50
Central	91 80
Eliot	1,887 57
South End South	1,887 58
Copp's Hill	3,313 45
Granary	3,243 50
King's Chapel	3,236 33
Bunker Hill	1,672 65
Phipps Street	1,672 65
Market Street	96 80
Park	3,160 80

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